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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Case No. 98,365-B1)

In the application of:

Kathleen E. Rodgers, et al. )  
Serial No: To be assigned ) Art Unit: To be assigned  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: Methods for Accelerating Bone, Cartilage, ) Examiner: To be assigned  
and Connective Tissue Growth )

**Preliminary Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231-9999

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendments to the specification and claims:

*In the Specification:*

A1  
Please delete lines 6-8 on page 1 and substitute the following: "This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/352,191 filed July 12, 1999, which claims priority from U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 60/092,653 filed July 13, 1998 and 60/130,855 filed April 22, 1999."

*In the claims:*

Please cancel claims 1-48 without prejudice to their filing in a subsequent continuation application

A2  
49. A method for treating or preventing a bone disorder that results in weakened bones, comprising the administration of an amount effective for treating or preventing a bone disorder in a patient in need thereof at least one active agent comprising a sequence